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BARCIA APPLAUDS \$45,000 GRANT TO CASS CITY

LANSING – State Senator Jim Barcia (D-Bay City) applauded the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's decision to extend a \$45,000 grant as part of the Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement Program. The money will be used for sidewalk improvement along Seeger and Main Streets.

"Because the existing sidewalks in this area have deteriorated to such poor condition, they were not deemed to be entirely safe for continued use," said Barcia. "These sidewalks are used by Cass City residents every day and their repair is important to commerce and safety in the downtown area."

The project will be the first phase of an ongoing improvement project to fully upgrade the village's sidewalks. Approximately twenty percent of the sidewalks in the village, or 11,450 linear feet, were ranked poor by the evaluation in consideration of the grant request. The local public sector contribution of \$45,000 will come from the village's general fund.